Value of gas to be delivered through HBJ pipeline

915. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALYABHAI RATHVA-KOLI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much gas is expected to be delivered per day on completion of HBJ project and what will be the sale value of the same;

(b) whether the full quantity of HBJ gas will be utilised right from the beginning; if not, what will be the estimated percentage utilisation of HBJ gas in the initial years;

(c) by when the fullest utilisation of HBJ gas in expected; and

(d) whether it is a fact that non-utilisation of HBJ gas facility will mean a net loss of Rs. 50 lakhs per day to the Government; if so, what action is contemplated to avoid such an eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The HBJ pipeline would, on completion of the project in July, 89, supply about 14 MMCMD of gas to various consumers. This gas is priced at Rs. 2250|1000 M43 (exclusive of all royality, taxes etc.)

(b) to (d) As some of the designated consumers are expected to be delayed, efforts are being made to locate additional consumers so as to utilise the gas to be transported through the pipeline to the maximum possible extent. The extent of loss, if any, would depend upon the actual offtake of the existing and additional consumers being now contemplated.

Complaint against M|s Kiran Gas Agency

916. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2547 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether any Member of Parliament has written to Government against M|s. Kiran Gas Agency, Khan Market, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what was the complaint and what action has since been taken against the concerned gas agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) S|Shri Ram Pyare Suman and K. Gopalan, Members of Parliament have written to Government about delayed supply of LPG refills to them respectively, March and June, 1987. The delay in March occurred owing to absenteeism among delivery staff of the distributor at the time of the Holi festival. In the June case, the refill booked on June 30 was supplied on July 1, 1987 to Shri Gopalan. No action against the distributor has been found necessary considering the recent position of refill booking by and supply to the two Members of Parliament given below:

	Booking	Supply
Shri Suman	6-4-87	6-4-87
	16-4-87	17-4-87
	5-5-87	6-5-87
Shri Gopalan	22-4-87	22-4-87
	15-5-87	15-5-87
	30-6-87	1-7-87

Discovery of new oil wells in Bombay off-shore

917. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new oil wells were discovered recently in the Bombay off-shore region;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the estimates of their oil potential; and